

ELECTION 2017

ALERT ON RUSSIAN HACKERS



Deal . . . Robertson

Alliance stitch-up

By JAMES BEAL, US Editor

UK spy bosses are talking to their US counterparts over possible Russian hacking of the election.

US National Security Agency head Admiral Mike Rogers confirmed yesterday his staff were in contact with Britain.

He also claimed Russia, led by President Vladimir Putin, right, was behind an attack on new French leader Emmanuel Macron's team on the eve of the weekend's election. Mr Rogers told a Senate hearing in Washington: "We had become aware of Russian activity. We had talked to our French counterparts and gave them a heads-up. We are doing the same with our German counterparts and our British counterparts."



THE Green Party and the SNP have come under fire for teaming up to stop Tories grabbing seats in Scotland.

The Greens will put up just ten candidates, 22 fewer than in 2015.

It will not contest the under-threat seat of SNP deputy leader Angus Robertson. His Tory rival Douglas Ross said: "This smacks of desperation."



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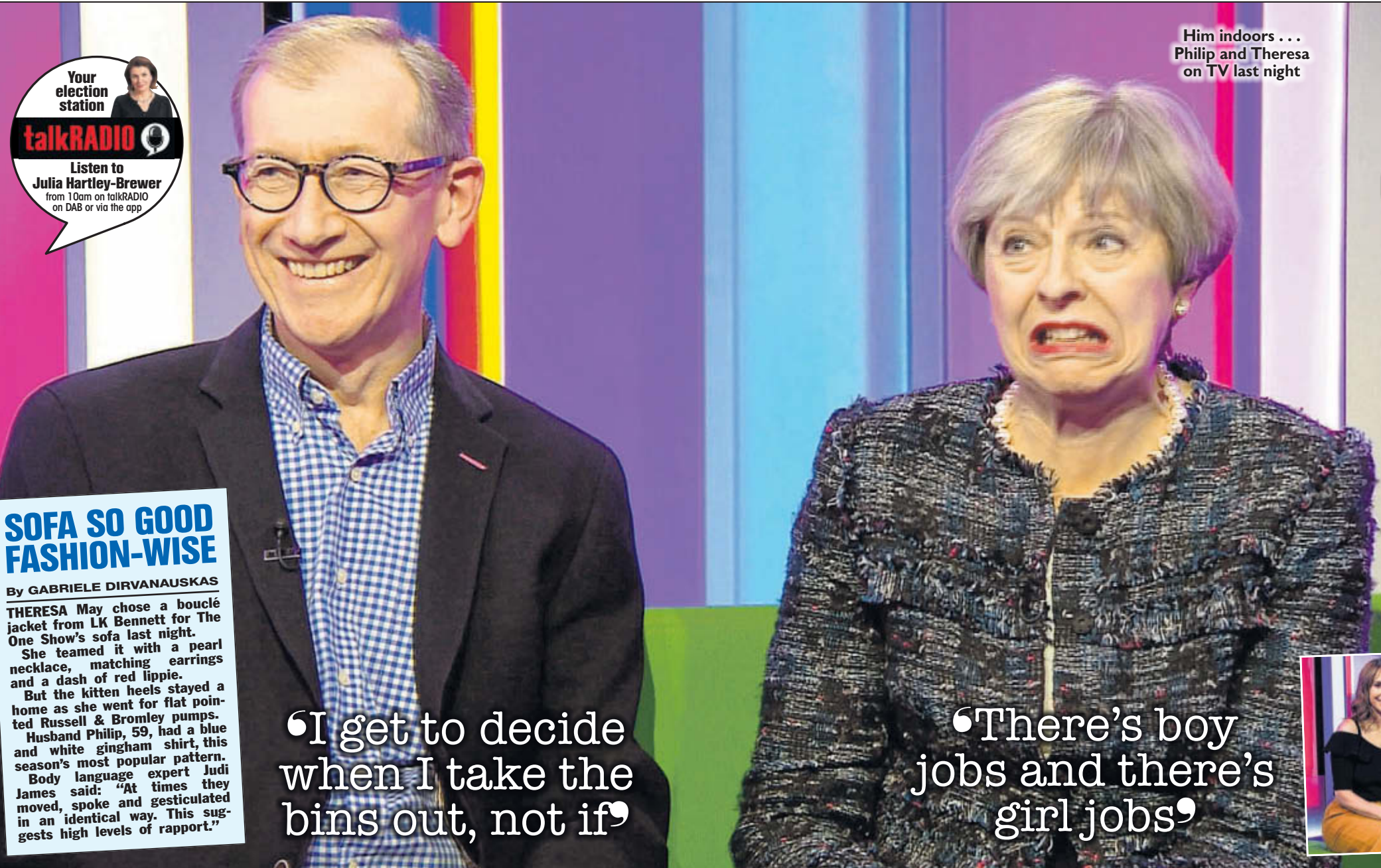
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PARTY LEADERS IN THE TELLY SPOTLIGHT



Him indoors . . . Philip and Theresa on TV last night



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SOFA SO GOOD FASHION-WISE

By GABRIELE DIRVANAUSKAS

Theresa May chose a bouclé jacket from LK Bennett for The One Show's sofa last night.

She teamed it with a pearl necklace, matching earrings and a dash of red lip.

But the kitten heels stayed at home as she went for flat pointed Russell & Bromley pumps.

Husband Philip, 59, had a blue and white gingham shirt, this season's most popular pattern.

Body language expert Judi James said: "At times they moved, spoke and gesticulated in an identical way. This suggests high levels of rapport."

“I get to decide when I take the bins out, not if”

“There’s boy jobs and there’s girl jobs”

Bloody difficult at home, too!

PM AND HUBBY ON ONE SHOW

Theresa May's husband says she lives up to her "bloody difficult woman" label at home by issuing strict orders to take out the bins.

Philip May made the comment last night during his first TV interview alongside his wife as Tory election chiefs tried to soften her image.

The 59-year-old financial adviser was asked if the famous description rang true in their private life.

Looking that there was "give and take in every marriage", he added: "I get to decide when I take the bins out, not if I take the bins out."

His wife, 60, jumped in to say: "There's boy jobs and girl jobs".

Mr May agreed: "I do the traditional boy jobs, by and large."

The "bloody difficult woman" description was coined by veteran Tory Ken Clarke after his repeated Cabinet dust-ups with Mrs May.

Last week, she warned Jean-Claude Juncker that he was about to discover that about her too after the Euro boss attacked her Brexit plans.

During the cosy chat on BBC1's The One Show, Mr May disclosed he

By TOM NEWTON DUNN

got only "a little section" of the wardrobe in No10 because of his wife's love of clothes and shoes.

But despite Mrs May's phenomenal work ethic, he said she drew the line on reading official papers in bed.

Asked about the ministerial red box, he said: "I don't think it's ever made an appearance in the bedroom. I've never had to shoo it out."

Mr May also inadvertently lifted the lid on when his wife first set her sights on the nation's top job.

He said that he had "never heard Theresa say she wanted to be Prime Minister until she was well established in the Shadow Cabinet".

But that was nearly 20 years ago and just two years after first being elected as an MP.

Mr May said being unofficial first husband was an enormous privilege.

He added: "There isn't really a downside. But if you're the sort of man who expects your tea on the table at six o'clock every night, you could be disappointed."

The couple also touched on their sadness at never having children.

As a young candidate looking for a Tory seat, it was wrongly reported she was pregnant.

Mr May said: "My mum rang. She thought perhaps there was something we hadn't told her."

His wife added: "She was disappointed."



CAN'T LET EU GO

Corbyn's nightmare interview Refuses to back Brexit 7 times



Labour government would "get the good deal with Europe".

Mr Corbyn admitted to the BBC's Laura Kuenssberg: "I don't know any more than you do exactly what's going to happen in the future."

A Labour source desperately tried to draw a line under the confusion by insisting: "The issue is settled."

But Brexit Secretary David Davis blasted Mr Corbyn's "chaotic incoherence" and said his comments exposed how Britain's EU rivals will make

"mincemeat of him in negotiations".

Lib Dem foreign affairs spokesman Tom Brake called Mr Corbyn's interview his "Michael Howard moment" – referring to the ex-Tory Home Secretary's 1997 TV grilling when he dodged the same question from Jeremy Paxman 12 times.

Meanwhile Labour fell deeper into civil war over candidate selections after Mr Corbyn's union backers Unite parachuted a top official into one of the party's safest seats in Liverpool. City mayor Joe

Anderson, who missed out, said: "Today we are reminded the Labour Party is not always a meritocracy."

Elsewhere, a student who introduced Mr Corbyn at a campaign launch last month has quit her role with a university Labour group after it emerged she posted racist, anti-Semitic and homophobic tweets between 2012 and 2014.

Bethany Barker, who was head of Nottingham Labour Students Committee, apologised for the comments when aged 14. dathan@the-sun.co.uk

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Day of chaos . . . Corbyn



By MATT DATHAN, Political Correspondent

JEREMY Corbyn raised fears he may betray Brexit voters after refusing seven times to confirm that he would take Britain out of the EU.

The under-fire Labour leader sparked the fresh muddle during a BBC interview yesterday.

It came after he formally launched his General Election campaign with a hard-Left vow to "demand our money back" from capitalist bosses.

And Broadchurch and ex-Corrie actress Julie Hesmondhalgh invited ridicule by introducing Mr Corbyn on stage in Manchester as someone who "gives a toss about stuff".

On another day of Labour chaos, he had initially declared Brexit as "settled" in his BBC interview.

But asked whether this meant the UK would leave the EU "whatever the deal on the table," Mr Corbyn repeatedly failed to give a definitive answer.

He merely said: "There was a clear vote a year ago," adding that a

Sound bite . . . Corbyn with a busker in Aston-under-Lyne



Banned . . . fox hunting

Fox hunt return in free vote



By TOM NEWTON DUNN

Theresa May has promised to hold a free vote to repeal the fox hunting ban if she wins the election.

She says all MPs will be able to make up their own mind on the issue by the end of the next five-year Parliament.

Mrs May also made it clear she supported bringing back the countryside sport, outlawed by Labour in 2004.

Campaigning in Leeds yesterday, the Tory leader said: "I have always been in favour of fox hunting."

"We maintain our commitment as a Conservative Party to allow a free vote."

Labour's Angela Smith said: "This is exactly why we must not give the Tories a blank cheque."

Meals for free blast



LABOUR plans to provide free school meals for all primary school kids were blasted yesterday as a potential waste of cash.

The IFS think-tank said the £950million policy would not benefit the poorest who already get free lunches.

It came as Labour today prepared to launch its National Education Service plan with its smaller class sizes and scrapping of college fees.

The Tories last night called Labour's plans to get funding "nonsensical".

£7bn for schools



TIM Farron will pledge a £7billion boost for schools today – paid for by tax hikes on business.

The plans would plug a £3.3billion hole in schools and £660million in colleges, the Lib Dem leader will say.

Another £1.26billion will protect schools losing out in Tory funding reforms, and there will be £1billion extra for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Funds would come by reversing corporation tax cuts and scrapping Tory grammar school plans.